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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- (currently amended) A thin-film magnetic head comprising: magnetic layers each containing two or more elements of Co, Ni, and Fe; wherein said magnetic layers are plated films, and a magnetic layer, of said magnetic layers, which is disposed near a magnetic gap is a plated magnetic film containing contains Co, Ni, and Fe, with 20 ≤ Co ≤ 40 wt%, 0 < Ni ≤ 2 wt%, and 60 ≤ Fe ≤ 80 wt%, and having has a saturation magnetic flux density of 23,000 gauss or more, and the thickness of said magnetic layer is 3μm or more.
 - 2. (canceled)
- 3. (currently amended) A process <u>for production of a thin-film magnetic</u> <u>head</u> as <u>defined</u> in [[2]] <u>claim 1</u>, wherein the magnetic layers are formed in a plating bath containing saccharin sodium as a stress relaxing agent.
- 4. (original) A process for production of a thin-film magnetic head as defined in claim 3, wherein the plating bath contains saccharin sodium in an amount of 0.5-2 g/L.
- 5. (currently amended) A thin-film magnetic head of write-read separate type in which a read element is a magneto-resistive effect element and a write element is an inductive magnetic head,

wherein upper and lower magnetic cores of a write head partly or entirely have magnetic layers consisting of magnetic films each containing two or more elements of Co, Ni, and Fe, the magnetic films are plated films, a magnetic layer, of the magnetic layers, which is disposed near a magnetic gap is composed of a plated magnetic film, which is a soft magnetic thin film containing CoNiFe, with $20 \le Co \le 40$ wt%, $0 < Ni \le 2$ wt%, and $60 \le Fe \le 80$ wt%, and having a saturation magnetic flux density of 23,000 gauss or more, and

the plated magnetic film is a soft magnetic thin film formed by electroplating in a plating bath having a pH value of 2 or less and the thickness of the magnetic layer is 3 µm or more.

- 6. (new) A thin-film magnetic head as defined in claim 1, wherein said magnetic layer is the nearest layer to said magnetic gap of said magnetic layers.
- 7. (new) A thin-film magnetic head as defined in claim 5, wherein said magnetic layer is the nearest layer to said magnetic gap of said magnetic layers.
 - 8. (new) A method for producing a thin-film magnetic head, comprising: forming a magnetic core having magnetic layers; and forming a magnetic gap film facing said magnetic core;

wherein a magnetic layer, of said magnetic layers, is formed by electroplating in a plating bath having pH value of 2 or less;

wherein said magnetic layer contains Co, Ni, and Fe, with $20 \le Co \le 40$ wt%, $0 < Ni \le 2$ wt%, and $60 \le Fe \le 80$ wt%, and has a saturation magnetic flux density of 23,000 gauss or more.

- 9. (new) A method for producing a thin-film magnetic head as defined in claim 8, wherein said magnetic core includes an upper magnetic core and a lower magnetic core.
- 10. (new) A method for producing a thin-film magnetic head as defined in claim 9, wherein either of said upper magnetic core or said lower magnetic core has said magnetic layer.
- 11. (new) A method for producing a thin-film magnetic head as defined in claim 8, wherein said magnetic layer is the nearest layer to said magnetic gap of said magnetic layers.